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## SENIORS STAGE HIT WITH MYSTERY PLAY

The play, "Ghost of the Air," presented by the senior class of '49 in the L. H. S. auditorium, on the nights of November 23 and 24, proved to be a great success.

The entire action of the play took place in Radio Station KUX, where strange things happened. Thomas Watson, the president of the station, played by Harvey Rogers, received several threatening messages, warning him to get off the air or he would be forced off. He attributed these threats to The Radiant Hair Dye Company because he had been compelled to eliminate their program from his station because of their false advertising methods. To further complicate matters, Gordon Mowbray, official announcer for Station KUX, played by Milton Brown, had incurred the wrath of several of his associates who threatened to finish him. An unknown girl, played by Naomi Luderman, appeared and insisted that Gordon return the hundred dollars he had borrowed from her brother.

When Gordon tried to evade the issue she, too, announced her intention of seeking revenge. Gordon had been engaged to Betty Mack, a pretty radio singer, played by Lily Dalconzo, whom he jilted for Lucile La Roy, the golden voice of Station KUX, played by John Basher. But when Bing Bellamy, a handsome crooner, played by Jerry Crans, appeared on the scene, Lucile and Bing fell in love and became engaged. Gordon rebelled and used all of his schemes to make Lucile break her engagement to Bing. The latter heard that Gordon was annoying Lucile and sprang to her defense. Gordon aroused Bing's ire and during an announcement of a program, Bing picked up a revolver and leveled it at Gordon. Suddenly

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Above is a scene from the senior play, "Ghost of the Air," which was presented in the H.S. Auditorium, Nov. 23 and 24

## ASSEMBLIES

On Monday, November 15, at a joint assembly, George Johnston, a piano humorist, presented a unique musical program featuring interesting interpretations and imitations. He "took off" a small boy forced to play a piano against his will, a teen-age boy playing boogie-woogie, and a young lady endeavoring to display her beautiful hands on the keyboard.

His piano selections were interspersed with humorous remarks, and stories — all of which proved to be most entertaining.

On Monday, November 22, the members of the senior play cast staged a preview of "Ghost of the Air," a mystery comedy to be presented in the high school auditorium on the evenings of November 23 and 24.

The jokes of Fred Denny, comedian, and the remarks of the coy Aunty Baird, literally "brought the house down."

Roy Heinz as Jasper Holmes, the famous detective, and Milton Brown, as the official announcer of Station KUX also furnished considerable entertainment.

## SCHOOLS REPRESENTED ON MUSIC PROGRAM

Music students from 33 Western New York public schools took part in the Western Section, All-State Music Program, sponsored by the Lancaster Public Schools and held Friday and Saturday in Lancaster High School.

The 370 participating students were selected from musical organizations directed by 62 public school music teachers. Of these students, 117

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## BASKETBALL SEASON OPENS

Lancaster will open its basketball season this year with five veterans from last year's squad. They are: Roger Berg, "Bob" Bohlen, Milton Brown, Richard Pascucci, and Adolph Rohl.

There are also nine J. V.'s and one boy, "Dick" Cleveland who has transferred from a different school. They are trying out for starting berths on the varsity squad.

The boys have good morale and will depend on speed and expert ball handling for a successful season.



## EDITORIAL

### IMPORTANCE OF STUDY

I'm going to try to bring to light the importance of study. Some of you might think, Study? Why should I bother? I have gotten along well enough without study; why start now? If some of the L. H. S. students could only realize the importance of it. Now it doesn't mean much, except getting your names on the honor roll, but it will mean a lot later on in life.

Let us take for example "Joe" Smith, an average boy who has never done much studying but has always just passed. He graduates from high school and wants to get a good position. With the marks he has, it is going to be hard for him to get into college. If he tries to get a job, it is very likely his employer will contact the school to find out his marks. If these are unsatisfactory, "Joe" will just have to be satisfied with a low paying job in which he can never hope for advancement.

So, students, study now! Don't wake up when it is too late.

### Seniors Stage Hit With Play

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the lights went out and a shot was heard in the dark. Evidence pointed to Bing as the guilty party when Jasper Holmes, the famous detective, —no relation to Sherlock—, played by Roy Heinz, started an investigation. From that moment on the action fairly bristled with tense suspense. Bing was declared innocent in spite of circumstantial evidence, and the master sleuth turned to the other members of Station KUX, looking for the guilty party. Just before he died, Gordon was heard to say, that dead or alive, he would continue to announce from Station KUX, and his prophecy appeared to come true when his voice was heard over the microphone.

This thrilling play kept the

### Schools In Music Program

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formed a band directed by Herbert W. Harp of Fredonia State Teachers College; 90 formed an orchestra directed by Bernard Mendelkern of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra; and 163 formed a choir with Silas L. Boyd, head of the Buffalo State Teachers' College, as director.  
TWO Lanc oracle—fh

These three organizations climaxed two days of intensive practice with a Saturday evening concert at 8 o'clock in Lancaster High School auditorium. The schools taking part in this Western Section program included the schools from the northern half of Erie County, from the eastern part of Livingston County, and from all of Orleans, Genesee and Wyoming Counties. The program was state-sponsored by the New York State School Music Association.

The Lancaster Committee in charge included Lancaster School Superintendent Milton W. Brown as honorary chairman, Lancaster Public Schools Director Marlo K. Schermerhorn as general chairman, Lancaster Public Schools Band and Instrumental Music Instructor Clarence E. Kemp, housing chairman, and William Stansberry, chairman of Students Committees. The visiting student musicians were housed overnight in Lancaster homes.

audience on the edge of their seats until the final curtain. There were suspense, laughs, and thrills galore, and the novelty of the locale was another factor in the play's success.

### INQUIRING REPORTER ....

Question: Should a girl date a boy?

ANSWER:

"Arnie" Mildenberger - Yes; if you are going steady, it is O. K.

Onnolee Stevens: Definitely not!!!

Betty McKinney: No, because if the girl started, she'd have to keep it up. I don't think the fellow would go out with her.

"Art" Robinson: It's O. K. during leap year. (Remember this is the year.)

"Judy" Sucker: It depends on the occasion.

"Don" Sugg: Sure, its nice to have a switch once in a while.

Norman Berner: It would be wonderful.

"Jim" Burke: Yes, maybe she would go out if she could do the asking. (Modern Age)

"Don" Kelly: It's all right, but it depends on the boy.

Mrs. Tefft: She'd have to have a good job to be able to foot the bill.

"Bill" Luderman: I don't see why it is not all right; the boys do it; why can't the girls?

Mr. Galembo: Yes, seeing they preach equality of sexes.

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P. T. A. NEWS

At the October meeting of the P. T. A., a panel discussion "Homework for High School Students" was held. Mr. Brown gave the educator's viewpoint. Konrad Maier responded with a student's ideas on the subject under discussion.

The points Mr. Brown emphasized were:—

1. High school is in the case of some students a preparatory ground for college. Here students should learn to study and organize their work without a teacher's supervision. They do not get supervision later in college.

2. All regents courses require a heavy load of work, which is laid down by state authorities. This cannot possibly be covered in class alone.

3. All pupils should learn to be responsible for certain tasks to be done at certain times.

4. If a student is taking a normal load of work, he would not be overloaded. Many students insist on taking everything offered and participating in all sports. They have little or no time left for study during school hours.

Konrad rebuttal:—

1. The irregularity of assigned homework puts a heavy load on students. Teachers should get together on making assignments.

2. Students who lack ambition set a poor example of industry. Teachers get the idea homework will remedy this.

3. If students were grouped according to ability, the bright ones would be spurred on to greater effort.

4. Students who are out for sports should receive special

BILLY BOY

(Dedicated to "Billy Boy" Stansberry)

Day after day in the afternoon,

Certain young "gals" go to Cushing's to swoon,  
Because "Billy" boy with straight dark hair,  
Seems to be busily working there.

He dishes up cones and lots of malts,  
And at his job, he never halts.

The girls eat ice cream all the while

Awaiting his dreamy, schoolboy smile.

consideration.

From the audience came these conclusions:—

1. Homework may pile up for a student—often because the student does not plan his work but allows it "to go" until the last minute. Most students do little planning of time. In the business world, work piles up for these same reasons. Pupils must therefore, learn to cope with such stress in work.

2. In teaching, not all work can best be planned, so that it may be assigned over a long period of time. For example, in math, problems often may be solved in several ways. It would be a disadvantage to the student to have to learn each of the processes.

3. The most interesting point brought out in the discussion was that the average pupil does not know how to study. He tries to listen to the radio, eat a snack, and do his homework all at one time. If he used the proper study methods, he would use his time more advantageously.

TAG LETTER

Guess who was picked for writing the first tag letter—I—Oh! I mean Jean Meiler.

I was born in Lancaster seventeen years ago. For a few years, I attended St. Mary's High, but greener pastures here at Lancaster High School beckoned, so I have been an L. H. S. student since my ninth grade.

I have made a major in stenography, as I expect to be a secretary when I graduate.

My favorite indoor sport is talking. I also like basketball and baseball.

Well, that's all I have to say except that I tag Christine Capozzi to write the next letter.

Jean Meiler

LOVER, COME BACK

He grabbed her and gave her a terrific hug. That was followed by several fond kisses. "Oh, I'm so glad you came back to me," he said, "but you've broken my heart. Why did you leave me? How did you have the nerve to leave me to sleepless nights, and restless days worrying about your safety."

She cuddled up in his arms and rubbed her head gently against his arm, speechless with joy. Never before had he realized that she loved him so intensely.

Isn't it funny how much a boy appreciates his dog after she has just returned after being away for several months.

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## WHICH TYPE ARE YOU?

It seems that we students are not the only people who study in the library — Miss Davis comes in for her share too. She studies human nature while she "shushes" us. These are the outstanding conclusions drawn about the diverse and devious methods of studying that L. H. S. students assume —

**THE THINKER** sits at the table with his left hand draped on his forehead, his cheek propped up by the other hand, and his chin holding down the table.

**THE BEAUTY SHOP OPERATOR** is curling her bangs with one hand, elbows on the table, and a book is propped between the chest and the table.

**THE PALMER METHOD PERSON** is writing with one hand, and the other one is pointing to a paragraph in a book. He sits on one foot.

**THE ATHLETE** has his feet up on a chair at an opposite table. He is ambidextrous.

**THE DRUMMER** taps the table rhythmically with a pencil all the time he reads, one knee hooked over the corner of the table.

**THE SKEPTIC** studies with a deep crease in his forehead.

**THE SHEEP DOG** student is recognized by the long bob which completely obliterates face, book, table, and view of librarian.

**THE JUGGLER** is that "corney" character who concentrates best while one foot is tapping, one hand is writing, the other hand is flipping pages of a book, while winking at the girl across the table.

**THE SCHOLAR** (and they may be found in the library) needs an entire table to himself; he has 16 books spread out; papers are everywhere, and his three pencils are worn down to stubs.

**THE SECOND GRADER** is the student who studies out loud.

**THE DIPLOMAT** is the obnoxious joker who visits every table in the library during the first 15 minutes of the hour, and the rest of the hour he spends dashing in and out of the library, while Miss Davis

## I'M GOING TO SIT RIGHT DOWN AND WRITE MYSELF A LETTER!

"My Darling Clementine,"

"There's No One But You and Never Will Be." "I Love You" "For Sentimental Reasons." "Do you Love Me?"

"Some Sunday Morning" not too "Long, Long Ago" I was walking "On the Sunny Side of the Street," when I saw "Ramona." She was "Pretending" that "Rumors Are Flying" about us. "It Couldn't Be True or Could It?"

"Who Told You That Lie" that "My Old Gal" is "My Melancholy Baby?" "I'll Forget It If You'll Forget It."

"All Through the Day" "I've Got Time on My Hands." I had to "Surrender"; now I'm a "Prisoner of Love." "You're the Cause of It All."

At "Two O'Clock in the Morning," I was walking "Underneath the Moon." I had a "Full Moon and Empty Arms." I thought it was "Moonlight Propaganda." I've got the "All Night Blues."

Hurry home 'cause I'm "Waiting For the Train to Come In" on "Route 66," under "Blue Skies." Then "We'll Be Together Again."

"Shorty's Got to Go." "I'll See You in My Dreams." "Till the End of Time."

"Always,"

"Caledonia."

patiently informs him that unless he settles down he will have to carry on activities elsewhere than in the library.

Miss Davis does not condone these methods of studying, but if they are conclusive to passing quarterly exams, she will look the other way—exam week only, however.

## CHUCKLES

If you dislike these jokes and their dryness makes you mean;

Just send in occasionally, some good ones of your own.

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Dorothy Gund was trying to navigate in a traffic jam. She rammed the car in front of her, then tried to back up and knocked down a pedestrian. Then she tried to move over to the curb and smacked into a hydrant. Mr. Bund rushed up. "Oh, lady," he demanded, "let's see your license." Don't be silly, she grunted, "Who'd give ME a license?"

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"Bob" Sturm: "Frank Pereny was kicked out of school for cheating!"

"Art" Shegda: "How come?" Sturm: "He was caught counting his ribs in a Health exam."

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Joan Johnston (carelessly strumming on piano): "You know, I only sing and play to kill time."

"Skippy" Schneider: "Well, I must admit you have a mighty fine weapon."

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